

Applications for 2012 nominations due Oct 31, 2011

Mankato, Minn — Today, Congressman Tim Walz congratulated four local high school seniors, who are graduating this spring and heading to national Military Services Academies this fall to begin their service careers. All four are residents of Minnesota's 1st Congressional District and were nominated to attend the respective academies by Congressman Tim Walz as part of the Congressman's academy nomination duties.

"It is my privilege and honor to nominate our best and brightest students to our nation's distinguished institutions of military service and higher learning. These students are exceptionally talented and deserving of our country's investment in their education and future," said Rep. Tim Walz, who is a retired Army National Guard Command Sgt. Major. "Their service to our country will be a source of pride for our communities; and a character-shaping experience for these future leaders. I wish them all the best as they learn and grow in the Military and Air Force Academies."

The following students were nominated by Congressman Walz and are attending Academies this Fall:

United States Military Academy

Stephanie Pavelko, Worthington MN graduate of Worthington High School

United States Air Force Academy

Dylan Bungum, Sargeant, MN graduate of Triton High School

Anthony Hillesheim, New Ulm, MN graduate of Cathedral High School

Hope Stremcha, Houston, MN graduate of Houston High School

High school students interested in applying for 2012 admission to the United States Military Academy, United States Naval Academy, United States Air Force Academy and/or the United

States Merchant Marine Academy should contact John Pierce in Congressman Walz's Rochester office at 507-206-0643. Applications are due no later than October 31, 2011.

More information on the service academy nominations process can be found here:

http://walz.house.gov/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=7&Itemid=10

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